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SUBJECT No. 149.

Opening of a Railway line from Hassan to Mangalore.

Messrs. D. Nanje Gowda and Thimmappaiya, Manjarabad Taluk and H. Basave Gowda, Hassan District Board.

Mr. D. Nanjegowda.—The question of opening a railway line from Hassan to Mangalore is being pressed for a long time, but nothing has been done in the matter yet. The Mangalore District Board and the Government of Madras are in favour of opening the line. Even Mr. Richards has given his opinion as to the feasibility of opening this line. In order to improve the *malnad* tracts, Government should open a line very soon connecting Chikmagalur with railway through Saklespur and Belur.

Second Member of Council.—It is about 24 miles from Hassan to Manjarabad. Twelve miles beyond Manjarabad our boundary ceases. There are about 16 miles of ghats. We require at least 40 lakhs of rupees for constructing the line through the ghats. The South Indian Railway should agree to construct the line up to the frontier and the Government of India should approve of it. Only then, we shall be able to construct our portion of the line. This line is one of the projected lines. It is only a matter of time and as soon as sufficient funds are available, this work will be taken on hand. The line from Hassan to Chikmagalur is not under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 150.

Opening a Railway line from Yedatore to Coorg *via* Hunsur and Periapatna.

Messrs. Seetharamiah, Hanumantha Setty and Mir. Raza Ali, Hunsur Taluk.

Mr. Sitharamayya.—A railway line may be opened from Yedatore to Hunsur and extended to Coorg *via* Periapatna, thereby increasing the imports and exports as Hunsur is an important centre. On a previous occasion, the District Board had promised to contribute 3 lakhs for this purpose.

Second Member of Council.—It is the intention of the British Government and the Mysore Durbar to give railway connection to Coorg. The Railway Board are considering this. The Coorg Commission are more anxious than we are. Money must be found.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—There is a large traffic in timber and the extension of the railway line up to Hunsur is very necessary. The Hunsur Taluk Board is willing to contribute three lakhs and there is no reason why the work should not be commenced now.

Second Member of Council.—The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 151.

Opening of a railway line from Mysore or Nanjangud *via* T.-Narsipur, Mugur and Santemarahalli.

Messrs. V. Shama Iyengar and N. Puttanna, T.-Narsipur Taluk, H. Varadiah, T.-Narapallty Municipality and P. R. Lakshiminaranappa, Mugur Municipality and K. Venkatasamy Iyer, Mysore District Board.

Mr. V. Shamiengar.—A railway line may be opened either from Mysore or Nanjangud *via* T. Narsipur, Mugur and Santemarahalli.

Second Member of Council.—Government will consider the proposal to make a feeder line to T.-Narsipur and Mugur as soonas the Nanjangud line is constructed.

Mr. V. Shamiengar.—Rs. 12,000 has been allotted for constructing the Kuppanahalli bridge between Nanjangud, T.-Narsipur and Mugur.

Second Member of Council.—It is not desirable to construct a combined road and railway bridge.

Mr. K. Venkatswamy Iyer.—More money should be allotted for the Nanjangud line so that the work may progress faster.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—We have approached Government for feeder lines. We are prepared to raise debenture loans. If the District Board is authorised, we will work the feeder lines ourselves.

Second Member of Council.—The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 152.

Opening of railways or tramways in *malnad* parts.

Mr. B. Nagappachar, Belur Taluk.

Mr. Nagappachar.—Railway communications or tramways should be established in *Malnad* parts in order to effect real improvement in those parts. This will eventually improve the prosperity of the *malnad* parts.

Second Member of Council.—The railway line from Kadur to Chikmagalur will be constructed. The connection from Arkalgud, Saklespur, Mudgere, Hariharpur and Tirthahalli to Arsalu is under consideration but there is no immediate prospect of its being put in hand.

Mr. Nagappachar.—There is no connection to Belur. A line from Hassan to Belur *via* Alur may be constructed.

Second Member of Council.—It is not possible for the present.

SUBJECT No. 153.

Reduction of goods, tariff on Mysore Railways.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Taluk.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—The goods rates of the Mysore Railways are higher than those of the M. S. M. Railway Company. They may be brought on a par with that company's rate.

Second Member of Council.—The lines of the M. S. M. Railway Company are long and they have also raised the rates of goods. It is not possible to reduce the rates here.

SUBJECT No. 154.

1. Facilities for passengers at Birur Junction.

2. Through carriage from Shimoga to Bangalore and Mysore.

1. Messrs. S. Sitaramaiya and A. Ananthiah, Shimoga Taluk; A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk.

2. Nadig Bhaskara Rao, Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Nadig Sitaramappa, Sorab Taluk; A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk and S. Sitaramaiya Shimoga Taluk.

Mr. Seetharamayya.—The Third Class Passengers Waiting Room at Birur is too much exposed and passengers are put to considerable hardship. A suitable covering may be constructed to protect the passengers who will have to wait for hours together to take trains.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—The Mysore Government have no control over the Station Masters who create lot of difficulties to passengers

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao.—I would request that a Third Class Waiting Room be constructed at Birur for the convenience of passengers., First and